

LINCOLN.

County Clerks Violate the Law to Escape Taxation.

Wildcat Insurance Companies Disturb the People.

Happy-go-lucky Absence of Methods of the Railroad Secretaries—General Local News.

AT THE STATE CAPITAL.

A SUICIDE LAW.

Reported by The Bee's Bureau.

LINCOLN, Neb., July 14.—There is considerable anxiety throughout the state over the register of deeds act, which is found in session laws of 1885, page 220. This act was senate file number 220, and was in the hands of the judiciary committee. In the original bill sections one and two read 15,000 inhabitants instead of 1,500 inhabitants, the enrolling clerks leaving off one cipher, either carelessly or to accommodate themselves or a friend. The way the law stands now nearly every county in the state would have a register of deeds, and in many counties it would be a starvation position. It will probably be necessary to get some kind of a decision out of the supreme court. It is doubtful whether a test case can be had before it is time for the commissioners to issue their election proclamation and in order to get the court's decision it will be necessary to submit the matter to the court soon after their sitting in August. Touching the point at issue the secretary of state cites the following case, to be found in Nebraska reports, volume 9, page 402. The text is: "The state of Nebraska ex rel. Joseph K. Marney and F. W. Liedtke, auditor of public accounts, Act of the legislature. Alleged omission. In the case made held that this court cannot supply a positive provision of law wanting in an enrolled act, approved by the executive, and deposited in the office of the secretary of state even if it appear by the journals that the bill containing such provision passed both houses of the legislature, and that such provision was left out of the enrolled bill either by accident or design."

The auditor of the state is complaining of the delinquency of thirteen county clerks who have not filed their abstracts of assessments as provided by the law, which require the county abstracts to be filed with him by the 15th of July. There is no reason for the delinquency of these abstracts and it would be a help to the auditor and the people throughout the state if the clerks would hurry up so that the people could learn the amount of assessable property in the state. Last year Cherry county made no report at all thus avoiding all state tax except on the railroad property which was assessed by the auditor. The auditor holds in case of the municipal life companies that they are insurance companies and must comply with the law and claims the supreme courts of Iowa and Ohio have so decided. He further holds that they have no right to do business without authority. Letters from all parts of the state are pouring in upon the auditor making inquiries regarding not only the mutual companies of this state but several companies claiming a home office elsewhere and the auditor is of the opinion that all are trespassers and doing business without authority, including the Marriage Benevolent association, of Fremont.

The railroad secretaries are rather stamped on a complaint entered by John W. Sisale, of Columbus, who wants the railroad company to build a fence. This matter will be investigated and due attention given to it. However, it is suggested that this fence business be referred to John W. Early, of Columbus, who is busy fixing fences in Platte county, which will be attended to at the election this fall. Messrs. Cowdry and Burnett are to discuss all the time and Chief Greer spends a couple of hours each day looking after the interests of the railroads. The balance of his time is spent between the university, the State Journal, Mutual Insurance, and a few minor enterprises, including private business.

A regular meeting of the board of education and the board of health yesterday morning, transacting principally routine business. Petitions sent in for the appropriation of school lands in Cherry and Brown counties, were considered and an appropriation ordered.

The board of public lands and buildings held a meeting yesterday afternoon which received and opened plans and specifications for a new reform school building at Kearney.

The census department are all rushed closing their work as fast as possible. There are sixteen portfolios all out which retard any further actual knowledge of counties not reported. The city of York shows a population of 2,985. It is thought the enumeration of Norfolk will be a pleasant surprise to interested parties. The town of Lincoln is located partly in Madison and partly Antelope counties, and needed two enumerators to care for its metropolitan population.

The grading machine is at work on Tenth street between G and E, preparing it for the street railway track. A culvert will be built on F street, and the draw will be filled up several feet, thus lessening the grade and giving the street an easy run.

Charles F. Driscoll, one of Omaha's architects, is here with plans and specifications for the Kearney reform school for the board of public lands and buildings to examine.

The name of the Gorham house has been changed to the Windsor hotel.

Mrs. Joseph Scott, wife of the land commissioner, who has been very sick ever since the loss of their little boy, is again reported at some better, so that she can sit up.

All Lincoln is excited over the sale of lots in West Lincoln, and many are the buyers as well as visitors.

Ex-Governor Furness, who is here inspecting and directing, as secretary, some work at the state fair grounds, says that practicing have been received for entries of speed horses from Memphis, Tenn., and Lexington, Ky.

The Hon. Matt Miller, of David City, is spending the day in the capital.

Justice Brown's court was occupied yesterday morning with a case of forgery, in which Fred S. Rollins was defendant. The first of the month, it is alleged, he forged a check on the Lincoln National bank for \$21, selling it to Kate & Stein, and skipped out. He was captured by Detective Pound about twenty miles southwest of Denver and brought back, and the case dismissed for want of prosecution, with a secret understanding between the prosecution and an uncle of the boy's, who pays up all the costs.

ROLLINS IS ABOUT TWENTY-TWO YEARS OLD and not bright.

The prominent arrivals to-day included: D. J. Chesterwood, Columbus; Phil Jacobs, Cleveland, Ohio; C. E. Van Post, S. P. Butler, Seward; George L. Heyman, C. T. Bauffler, Omaha; O. J. Wood, F. E. Loyd, York; L. D. Fowler, Sutton; J. C. Loyd, Nebraska City; James Peabody, Fairmount; S. H. Craig, R. W. Laffin, Wynome; L. P. Kraus, J. M. Worley, Beatrice; J. H. Armstrong, W. P. Lundan, York; J. H. Davis, Gibbon; R. C. Spangler, A. C. Pearson, F. B. Salmon, Omaha; C. W. Combs, Auburn; Z. L. Bass, Friend; A. C. Cameron, Topeka; D. D. Johnston; Weeping Water; Capt. Humphrey, Pawnee; Ed. M. Coffin, Ord; Thomas L. Reddon, North Loup.

Senator Van Wyck and wife passed through the city last evening en route to Omaha. He looks strong enough for eight years more fighting corporations in the United States senate. He will remain in the state all summer.

Mr. Lewis Meyer and family start this morning for Osceola to spend a month among friends.

A couple of parties named Frank and Charlie Wyatt were arrested yesterday for stealing a couple of coats from some workmen. They were tried and sentenced to thirty days in jail and the costs of the case.

Judge Montgomery has returned from his eastern trip.

The lot sale at West Lincoln was a great success. Sixteen thousand dollars worth were sold, the lots averaging \$101 a piece. Some sold as high as \$400.

INVESTIGATING INDIAN MATTERS.

The Indian Commissioners will arrive here to-day—Some thing about their plans.

Yesterday morning Mr. James Courts, the secretary of the Indian commission arrived in the city, and is stopping at the Paxton. It is reported that the other members of the commission will be here this morning. A session will be held to-day at twelve o'clock in the parlors of the Paxton, to discuss preliminary measures and map out the route of the commission.

This body of men which is composed mainly of the appropriation committee, was voted into existence at the last session of congress for the purpose of getting facts with reference to the Indian reservations, the methods of education, the necessity of increased or decreased appropriations, etc., and to lay this information before congress at its next session. The committee is composed of Congressman W. S. Holman, of Indiana, W. H. Hatch, of New York, L. W. Peel, of Arkansas, J. G. Cannon, of Illinois and Thomas Ryan, of Kansas.

Very little will be done in Omaha in the way of gathering information. After mapping out the route the commission will probably start for the west on Thursday or possibly to-morrow night. Their first objective point will be the Pine Ridge agency. As is well known, there has been considerable trouble between Agent McGillicuddy and Red Cloud, one of the rebellious chieftains of the agency, and this matter will probably be a subject of investigation.

All of the gentlemen connected with the commission have had more or less experience in Indian investigation, and their report will be looked forward to with considerable interest.

A Busy Day.

Constable Paul Stein had an active time of it yesterday serving attachments on the effects of parties who were trying to get away without satisfying creditors. His dealing was with Julius Lund against whom Matthew Wax, Edholm & Erickson and Mr. Ditzan held accounts, amounting in the aggregate to \$110. Constable Stein found Lund's stuff at the Union Pacific depot, billed to Stenberg, Mo., and seized it. He also took possession of Charles Bond's trunk to satisfy a bill of \$29.20 held against the young man by Isaac Brown.

PERSONAL.

M. D. Welch, of Lincoln, is in the city. Simon Kibel, of Sidney, is at the Paxton. H. E. Warner, of Des Moines, is a Paxton guest.

Mrs. E. R. Sherwood and family leave today for New York.

Senator Van Wyck arrived in the city last evening and is quartered at the Paxton.

Mrs. McGill, of Monmouth, Ill., is visiting. Rev. E. B. Graham, on her way to Denver.

Mrs. Lella Rhodes, of New York, is visiting her cousin, Deputy Treasurer Rhodes of this city.

J. A. Hartman and L. L. Wyatt will inspect stock this season at Omaha for the Wyoming Stock-Growers' association. Frank Brainerd will occupy his old position at Pacific Junction.

Miss Maggie McDonald, a charming young lady of Buffalo, New York, is in the city visiting her sister, Mrs. Oscar Hoffman. Friday, the doctor and his wife, accompanied by Miss McDonald, start on a pleasure trip to the Pacific coast.

A. Q. Cameron, superintendent of agencies for the Southwestern Mutual Life Insurance company, of Topeka, Kansas, was in the city yesterday arranging to open a branch office here. He left for Lincoln last night to file his articles of incorporation.

Joe Camp, North Bend, J. A. Frazier, C. Plume, Silver City, H. T. Maxwell, Clark, Mrs. Belle McClelland, Valentine, Miss Avery, Millard, Patrick Means, Lincoln, J. A. Wells, Grand Island, Pat Gibbons, Orleans, Geo. Christian, Missouri Valley, are at the Canfield.

At the Metropolitan: W. W. Finch, Central City; A. M. Serio, Cincinnati; O. B. L. Deal, Peoria, Ill.; D. C. Chapman, Des Moines, Ia.; Russel Wiggins, Ponsacola, Fla.; G. A. Wilson, Arlington, Neb.; Mrs. C. W. Haines, Lincoln, Neb.; George H. Powers, Beatrice, Neb.; Mrs. G. Corer, Fremont, Neb.; Wm. Paul and wife, Emerson, Neb.; A. Dewey, Lincoln, Neb.; J. A. Huston, Lincoln, Neb.; Mrs. L. Osborn, Omaha, Neb.; Edw. Murray, York; J. B. Skaggs, Des Moines, Ia.; J. B. La Chapelle and wife, Glenwood, Ia.; Miss Bird Evans, Glenwood, Ia.; S. B. Townsend, Randolph, Ia.; Geo. W. Donald, Kansas City, Mo.; C. Wise, Denver, Col.; J. A. Crawford, Galveston, Tex.

The trial of George Meyers, who made a confidence victim out of an Iowa detective by the name of Blym, three or four weeks ago, and rebelled him, will be commenced before Judge Neville in the district court this morning.

THE WEEKLY WHIRL.

Last Night's Meeting of the City Council.

A Lively Discussion on the Subject of Police Regulations, and a Mountain of Business Rushed Through.

The members of the city council had an opportunity in last night's meeting to air their oratory on the question of police regulations. The matter was brought up when the regular police committee read their report of the investigations that have been made into the cases of Officers Hincbe and Weiland. This report was to the effect that all charges had been proven, but the committee, rather than take that responsibility upon itself, recommended that Marshal Cummings be empowered and instructed to indict, upon the two officers, any punishment that he might see fit to give them. This Mr. Faray objected to, and made a short speech, scoring the committee a little for attempting to saddle a responsibility on the marshal which belonged to them, and which he thought they ought to assume. Mr. Leeder thereupon took occasion to "give away" several little things. He told in part the evidence that was brought out when they had Hincbe's case up and made a minute statement, also of the detective who shadowed Hincbe, and of the notes that said detective had made. He asserted in these notes it was stated that the officer had been seen at his place drinking with Faray, and down at Mr. Ford's place taking a drink or two with Mr. Thrane. That statement brought Mr. Thrane to his feet with a positive denial. He had never been guilty of using drugs or under the influence of liquor in his life, and furthermore, was opposed to this city being guarded by police officers who cannot refrain from getting drunk or going to sleep when on duty. Messrs. Ford and Lee and Behm also talked, and all expressed themselves favorable to the idea of having good, sober, wide awake men on the police force. The committee, though, was compelled to take its reports back and change the recommendations, which was done, and to the effect that the marshal shall reinstate both officers but deprive them of pay for the time they have been suspended.

President Bechel called the council to order at a quarter past 8 o'clock. The minutes of last meeting were approved. Mayor Boyd reported that he had approved the ordinance appropriating monies for the payment of expenses during June, except the following amounts: J. E. Boyd, \$150.00; E. H. Long, \$125.00; T. Buck, \$116.00; J. B. Southard, \$125.00; E. Resewater, \$185.33; The salary of all councilmen, \$125.00; Truman Buck, \$125.00; Total, \$1,821.33. His Honor explained that when all the other appropriations are paid there will not be money enough left to pay these, which is why he withheld his approval. The veto was sustained.

Ordinance, changing the grade of Leavenworth street from Harney street to the grade of Harney street from Tenth to Twenty-fifth; Sixteenth street from Farnam to Harney; Nineteenth street from Farnam to Harney, and Twentieth street from Farnam street to Hurford ave.; changing the grade of the west curb of Sixteenth street from Douglas to Harney and Farnam, from Sixteenth to Seventeenth streets, were reported from the mayor with approval.

The contract and bond of Hugh Murphy to grade and ballast Farnam street from Eighth to Ninth streets, was returned with the mayor's approval; also the contract and bond of William Mack for curbing and guttering on Howard street.

William A. Van Orman was appointed and confirmed a special policeman. John McDonald was also made a special policeman; likewise Rufus Pruitt.

The names of A. R. Sauer, Thomas A. Creigh and W. A. L. Gibbon, were sent in as having been appointed a committee to assess property for opening Twentieth street. They were confirmed.

The city treasurer submitted his annual report which was referred to the committee on finance.

City Treasurer Buck reported the sewer funds for districts 13, 15, 19 and 21 to be short as follows:

District No. 13, \$1,231.99; District No. 15, 601.13; District No. 19, 1,483.72; District No. 21, 383.94; Total, \$3,698.81.

This is caused by the reduction made in the original tax levy. Placed on file.

John H. Butler, the chief of the fire department, reported in behalf of several citizens living on Lake street, recommending that they ought to have about six hydrants on that street. Referred.

The city marshal gave notice that he had suspended Owen Buckley from the police force for drunkenness and dereliction of duty. Mr. Buckley's resignation was also received and accepted.

The marshal further reported that he had suspended Daniel McBride from the police force for drunkenness and sleeping while on duty.

Mr. Creighton, chairman of the board of public works, notified the council to deduct from the bill of the Barber Asphaltum Paving company \$60, that amount having been overpaid them for crossings. Referred.

A certificate from Mr. Creighton stated that \$76 is due C. F. Haman for serving as curbing and guttering inspector on Cuming street. The claim was allowed. He also certified that the amount held in reserve from James Fox, for paving on Ninth street in district 28, is now due. Allowed.

Contracts for paving were received from Hugh Murphy and J. E. Riley and approved.

A warranty deed from John H. Howard and wife for two lots on Seventeenth street between Nichols and Clark street was received and ordered placed on file.

Vergenes Hendrickson put in a petition asking \$1,500 damages for her lot on account of grade. Filed.

Mrs. Ellen Hennessey gave notice that she could not afford to pay her share for paving on Howard between Eighth and Ninth streets. Referred.

A. L. Lushan put in a petition to vacate and deed to the city 32 or 34 feet of the south part of his lot, block 12 McCormick's addition, for an equal amount to be taken off the south end of Harney street in the same addition. Referred.

A resolution adopted by the county commissioners last December, correcting an assessment for 1884 on lot 10, block

2, Radick's subdivision, was handed in by the county treasurer. Referred.

A large number of citizens living in Seventeenth, Eighteenth, Nineteenth and Twentieth streets presented a petition praying for an extension of the sewer already completed to the mall.

The contract of A. B. Hunt, to furnish material and labor was placed on file.

Vaclav Herminky petitioned the council to investigate the damage done her property in Kounin's addition caused by paving, and pay her \$1,500 damages. Placed on file.

Patrick McGovern also put in a claim for damages, which was referred to the second ward delegation.

Property owners on Jefferson street, from Capitol avenue to Farnam, petitioned to have the grade of that street established.

The Garneau Cracker company petitioned for permission to extend, at their own expense, the curbing and guttering around the corner of their place of business.

Mrs. Sarah M. Hilson put in a bill of \$15 for cleaning and calculating the house in which the Nichols family lived when they had the smallpox. Referred to the finance committee.

Charles E. Fanning gave notice that he had commenced grading the city lots and asked that the Paxton barn be removed at once.

The committee appointed to assess damages for change of grade on Davenport street reported that they had approved the following amounts:

J. J. Nobes, \$75.00; N. C. Anderson, 25.00; Rev. F. R. Millsap, 40.00; Frank Saastrom, 100.00; Daniel Rogers, 25.00; Total, \$265.00.

The report was adopted. The continual removal of sand from an excavation on Walnut and Summit streets is making there, so several petitioners say, a dangerous place.

The establishment of a grade on Georgia avenue was asked for by Andrew Riley and others. Referred.

A large petition praying for the grading of Grace street was also received and referred.

A petition for the grading of Thirteenth street was received and referred.

ORIGINAL RESOLUTIONS.

The following resolutions were offered: By Leeder—Directing the board of public works to advertise for bids for the erection of a market house on Capitol avenue. Adopted.

By Goodrich—Requesting the city marshal to detail a policeman to preserve order at Hanson park on Saturday afternoons and Sundays. Adopted.

By Goodrich—Instructing the committee on public property to have the drinking fountain on Thirteenth street repaired. Adopted.

By Schroeder—Requesting the city engineer to find out and report to the council at the next meeting whether the stone pillars under the Union Pacific bridge at Thirteenth street are on the curb line or not. Adopted.

By Leeder—Whereas, the mayor was elected on a non-partisan or so-called reform issue and was to administer the municipal affairs of the city, solely in the interest of honest and economical government, without party prejudice to redeem, or party services to reward, yet by his appointments thus far made manifesting that the alleged reform promised could only be subserved by the selection of partisans sharing his non-political proclivities; and

Whereas, the responsibility for the good government and efficient police of the city is shared jointly by the mayor and city council, and a wide divergence of opinion existing between the two branches, which differences had their origin in the policy and ultra political attitude of the mayor in his appointments; and

Whereas, the radical political actions and notions of the mayor not being in harmony with those of the party of the majority of the council, nor, as we believe, in accord with the desire of the people, this body has, in view of these facts, resolved that it is the desire of the council that an adjustment of this whole matter may be reached which shall be alike honorable, equitable and just to the members of the party of the majority of the council; and to attain this end be it further

Resolved, That a committee consisting of the president and four other members of the majority party be appointed to confer with the mayor, after an expression of a desire and willingness upon his part to meet such a committee, with a view to adjusting and harmonizing the existing differences.

This resolution was adopted without discussion.

By Daily—Directing the committee on sidewalks and bridges to inspect all sidewalks on Farnam and Douglas between Tenth and Fifteenth streets and the cross streets in this district. Adopted.

By Goodman—Ordering the board of public works to proceed without delay to remove the earth and stones from the gutter streets abutting the school house site. Adopted.

By Daily—Directing the city auditor to prepare a special ordinance appropriating \$79.86 out of the general fund to pay the balance due John F. Daily for sewer work. Adopted.

By Leeder—Prohibiting the United Gas Improvement company from running their residue into the Jones street sewer, as the same is making a nuisance. Adopted.

By Faray—Requesting the mayor, President Bechel, city attorney, and city auditor to make an estimate of the amount of money that shall probably be necessary for the payment of all salaries and allowances due and payable out of the general fund. Adopted.

By Daily—Directing the committee on paving and guttering to have the paving in the line of the cross walk on the north side of Farnam and Fourteenth streets. Referred.

By Bailey—Instructing the city engineer to prepare a profile for establishing the grade of Nineteenth street from Grace street to Elm street as soon as possible. Adopted.

By Faray—Asking for the appointment of John Grant as inspector of asphalt material, mixing and laying the same upon all public grounds, he to act as such without pay. Adopted.

mended as being a sufficient amount to pay O. F. Davis, Henry Pundt and William V. Morse, and the recommendation was adopted.

The petition of J. A. Mariman and others protesting against the proposed grade on South Twelfth street, was referred to the delegation from the first ward.

The plat of W. G. Pignam for a new addition was ordered placed on file.

An ordinance establishing a grade on certain portions of Virginia avenue, Harney and Jefferson streets was reported on favorably.

The resolution of Mr. Behm taking from the files the communication of Bedford & Sauer, offering to donate certain grounds for the extension of Cass street, was recommended for acceptance. The recommendation was adopted.

The petition of Mr. F. D. Cooper and sixteen others, asking that a roadway be opened to the new pottery and brickyard in Grand View addition was allowed.

The sidewalk petitioned for by J. D. Thomas on Eighteenth and Webster streets was ordered placed on file.

The petition of S. Reichenberg, regarding the water-ditch on the southeast corner of Twenty-third and California streets, was reported on as having been attended to.

The committee on police reported that they had found the city dump in good condition.

The committee on curbing and guttering reported favorably on the appointment of J. E. House as a member and chairman of the board of public works, recommending his confirmation. The report was adopted.

With that Mr. Behm offered the following resolution, which was adopted: Whereas, in view of the retirement of the Hon. James Creighton as chairman of the board of public works, and in view of the faithful and efficient services rendered as such chairman, that some acknowledgment and recognition of such services be made; and

Whereas, it is proper and fitting that such recognition and acknowledgment should be made by the city council now in session; therefore be it

Resolved, That in the retirement of the Hon. J. H. P. and E. W. Stevens, of the board of public works, his constant and untiring attention to duty and his faithful and efficient services as such chairman be, and are hereby recognized; and be it further

Resolved, That for the constant, faithful and untiring efforts of Mr. Creighton as the first and principal officer of the board of public works in carrying on the extensive and important public improvements of the last three years, the thanks of the city of Omaha and of this council are due, and are hereby tendered; and be it further

Resolved, That as evidence of the expression of confidence by the council in the strict integrity, unflinching fidelity and constant faithfulness of Mr. Creighton in the discharge of his official duties, that the city clerk prepare and present to Mr. Creighton a duly certified copy of this motion.

The report of the committee appointed to assess damages for the change of grade on certain portions of Tenth and Pacific streets, was adopted.

The city attorney was instructed to confess judgment in favor of the Widow Keefe for \$1,200.

The petition of A. Getzschmann, to be retained city weighmaster, was granted.

The suggestion of City Treasurer Buck to make guttering a part of the paving so as to be included in the same bond was not thought to be feasible and was reported on adversely.

NEW ORDINANCES.

The following new ordinances were offered and read:

An ordinance prohibiting the running at large of herding of animal in the city limits. Passed.

Appropriating money out of the general fund, to pay certain parties for damages by reason of the change of grade in Tenth street. Passed.

Appropriating moneys out of various funds, to pay for liabilities for the month of June. Passed.

Amending ordinance No. 652 establishing the curb lines of Saunders street. Passed.

Appropriating moneys out of the general fund to pay deficiencies in funds of Sewer districts, 13, 15, 19 and 21, caused by reduction of tax levy.

An ordinance changing the grade of Leavenworth street was read a first and second time and referred to the First ward delegation.

Ordinances were read to establish the grade of South avenue, which was passed; to establish the grade of U. S. Grant street, which was referred to the committee on grades and grading; establishing the grade of certain streets in Omaha View addition, also referred; establishing the grade of Howard street, from the south avenue to Jefferson, passed.

Establishing the grade of Virginia avenue. Passed.

Establishing the grade of Harney from Twenty-fifth street. Passed.

Establishing the grade of Jefferson street from Farnam street to St. Mary's avenue. Passed.

Messrs. Faray, Leeder, Lee and Thrane were appointed to act with President Bechel on the Faray resolutions relative to municipal appointments. Assented.

The Pine Ridge Farmers, To the Editor of the Bee. I notice an article in your issue of 26th of June reflecting upon me, purporting to have been written by Red Cloud. He asserts that I am from Washington. Permit me through the columns of your paper to denounce the statement as false. I am from Virginia, Fairfax county. I received my appointment of the 9th day of April. The record will show this to be a fact. I am a blacksmith by trade and I am very glad that I am. If Red Cloud or any of his dictators want to find out whether I am a farmer or not let them challenge me to compete with anyone of his farmers that know the climate and who can speak the Indian language and who know how to farm. I would like very much to see one of these men. I have been on the reservation nearly three months and I have not had the pleasure of meeting or making the acquaintance of any such farmers. Very respectfully, WILLIAM C. SMOOT, Additional Farmer No. 6, PINE RIDGE AGENCY, Dak., July 8, '85.

SMOKE AND STEAM.

A Lively and Interesting Day in Railway Circles.

Preparing to Form a New Pooling Scheme—Fast Freight Time Along the U. P. Road. Etc., Etc.

A READJUSTMENT OF POOL RATES. An important railroad meeting, or rather series of meetings, commenced yesterday in Council Bluffs. The railroad men in attendance upon the meeting are the freight traveling auditors of the four eastern roads. The object of the meeting is to determine the tonnage of each station on the Union Pacific line—that is the amount of goods through billed from each station to eastern points. The point of this is to determine the basis of a new pooling arrangement between the eastern roads and the Union Pacific on business consigned from points in Nebraska to points in the east. This becomes necessary about every two years, as the rates of business are constantly on the change. One of the gentlemen of the meeting informed a reporter last night that it was found that the tonnage of every station on the Union Pacific had steadily increased in the last two years.

"Our method of determining the new losses of pool rates," he said "will be to apply the old schedule of rates to the business between June 1, 1884 and Jan. 1, 1885. The results of our labors will be laid before a meeting of the Transcontinental at Chicago."

The following gentlemen are in attendance upon the meeting: W. McCredie, freight auditor, M. Harinet, assistant freight auditor, and C. D. Bird, traveling auditor, C. B. & Q. W. S. Dudley, freight auditor, C. M. & St. P.; W. S. Hartwell, freight auditor of the C. & N. W.; W. H. Crosby, freight auditor of the H. P.; and E. W. Stevens, of the freight auditor's office of the C. & N. W. The rest of the gentlemen in attendance on the meeting are on the Council Bluffs side of the river.

The meeting will continue about three weeks.

TEA ON THE FLY. One of the greatest fast time feasts in modern railroading has just been accomplished by the Union Pacific company. It is the last Sunday, at 9:25 o'clock p. m., thirteen cars loaded with tea were started from Ogden eastward, and they reached here yesterday at 3 o'clock p. m., being just forty-six hours and thirty-five minutes making the trip, and in this one hour must be allowed for the change in central and mountain time. The distance from Ogden to Omaha is 1,032 miles, therefore you can see that you're doing it in the fastest time on record. In fact it is faster than the stage, slow and drayway old eastern merchants who are to receive that tea will make complaint about it being jerked through the country so fast. It has been stated in the presence of a Bee reporter that the strength and the aroma of that tea is now hanging like dew on the telegraph poles all the way between here and Cheyenne. Tea is a very tender article, and when carted around at the rate of twenty-two miles per hour, for forty-six hours, it is bound to be more or less exhausted in its strength.

A BIG TRAIN. No sooner has the fast train business become common and not worth talking about than something new bobs up, just like the paternal ghost of young Hamlet used to get around every now and then to annoy and worry the life out of him. But it so happens that these new schemes are not annoying. They are great things, to keep railroad reporters in a good humor is nothing else. The latest Union Pacific scheme is to see just how big a passenger train can be pulled over its road without dividing up and making sections. Heretofore nine and eleven cars have been considered about enough for one engine to handle. Yesterday morning, however, when the "Overland" reached here, with Jack Dolan, the famous, as he is called, "skin" his trusty old motor she was composed of seventeen cars, and got